

Village of Fort Edward
PLANNING BOARD REGULAR MEETING
January 15 2019
6:30 pm, Fort Edward Village Hall
(transcribed from notes taken at meeting)

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:30PM. ROLL CALL TAKEN. CHAIRMAN ROCHE LED THOSE PRESENT IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Roll Call	Absent	Attorney	Public Attendees	Public Attendees
Bernie Taylor	James Brooks	Mary-Ellen Stockwell	Rasheed Bhatti	
Tom Roche, Chairman		Dave Armando	Harold Nicholson	
Joe Carroll				

*Agenda Item

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A motion to **approve** the **December 18, 2018** meeting minutes was made by **B. Taylor**, seconded by **J. Carroll**.

All ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

- SITE PLAN REVIEW**
PAMELA SASSONE
163 BROADWAY
TAX MAP NO. 171.5-2-6

Application was withdrawn on 1/10/19.

A motion to open the public hearing was made by B. Taylor, seconded by J. Carroll.

All ayes. Motion Carried.

- SITE PLAN REVIEW**
RASHEED BHATTI
211-215 BROADWAY
TAX MAP NO. 163.17-2-14

T. Roche asked the applicant if he had the letter from the sewer agency.
Applicant No, asked for it again and still have not received it.

Public Comments

Joe Malvuccio
 110 East Street
 Fort Edward NY 12828

Mr. Malvuccio asked the question of how long can a guest stay at the motel? Mr. Malvuccio also asked if the motel is pet friendly.

- Applicant** The 6 rooms are just for nightly rates. The current rooms do have people staying longer, but not exceeding 2-3 weeks.
- Applicant Atny** explained that Mr. Bhatti cannot discriminate if the county calls and needs to put someone up. The county pays the nightly rate.
- T. Roche** explained that previously he came before the board stating his motel is for overflow of Saratoga and Lake George and asked historically what the longest stay was.
- Applicant** the longest stay has been 2-3 weeks. Mr. Bhatti and the attorney explained that the rooms are strictly for online booking like Expedia, Hotels.com, Travelocity, etc.

D. Armando Applicant stated that after so many days stay, it does not comply with commercial zone. explained he does not want long term stays at his motel, even if the county calls. He wants to have seasonal only.

MES read the code for the village of Fort Edward pertaining to the use of a motel.
Chapter 350 §350-2-1 – MOTEL – A building or group of buildings, whether detached or in connected units, containing transient and/or permanent lodging facilities for the general public and which may contain accessory facilities such as restaurants, meeting rooms, retail business activities and related activities primarily to accommodate the occupants, but not open to the general public, including buildings designated as auto cabins, auto courts, motor lodges, tourist courts and similar terms. **LODGING** – Lodging or a holiday accommodation is a type of residential accommodation. People who travel and stay away from home for more than a day need lodging for sleep, rest, food, safety, shelter from cold temperatures or rain, storage of luggage and access to common household functions.

Applicant Atty Explained that the application is to ask for approval of 6 motel rooms in this building for seasonal use. The questions and issues coming up are beyond the obligations of the Planning Board. The applicant attorney also stated that he can say no and turn customers away as long as they are not one of the 5 protected classes:

- Race**
- Color**
- Religion or creed**
- National Origin or ancestry**
- Sex**
- Age**
- Physical or mental disability**
- Veteran status**

A motion to recess to confer with council to interpret the code was made by **J. Carroll**, seconded by **B. Taylor**. All ayes. Motion Carried

Board reviewed SEQR

After review of **SEQR** by the Planning Board, it was determined that based on the information and analysis above, and any supporting documentation that the proposed action will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts.

A motion to declare the application a negative impact was made by **B. Taylor**, seconded by **J. Carroll**. All ayes. Motion Carried.

A motion to close the public hearing was made by **B. Taylor**, seconded by **J. Carroll**. All ayes. Motion Carried

A motion to accept the application with conditions: Daily rates only and no stays longer than 30 days was made by **B. Taylor**, seconded by **J. Carroll**

All ayes. Motion Carried


- 3. BOUNDARY LINE ADJUSTMENT**
- DARLENE DEVOE**
- 49 BROADWAY**
- TAX MAP NO. 171.6-6-40**

Final map was dropped off by applicant and reviewed by the planning board. County reviewed the application and sent letter stating it was a matter of local concern.

Board states the road frontage meets requirements and a vehicle can access the property.

A motion to approve the application was made by **J. Carroll**, seconded by **B. Taylor**. All ayes. Motion Carried.
A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by **B. Taylor**, seconded by **J. Carroll** All ayes. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,


Janelle Rose
Planning Board Clerk